

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1 and 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shiki (US 5,406,308), and claims 2, 4, and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shiki in view of Sekido et al. (US 5,999,158). Claims 6 and 7 are allowed.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicant has amended claims 1 and 3 to further define the invention. Accordingly, claims 1-7 are presently pending for consideration.

All Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 and 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shiki and claims 2, 4, and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shiki in view of Sekido et al. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during the telephone conference of January 26, 2005. In response to the Examiner's suggestions made during the telephone conference, Applicant amends claims 1 and 3 to recite that "the reset signal is fed back and connected to the source shift clock." Applicant respectfully asserts that Shiki does not teach or suggest that the reset signal is fed back and connected to the source shift clock. Therefore, claims 1 and 3 are not obvious. Moreover, the Office Action does not rely on Sekido, et al. to remedy the deficiencies of Shiki, and hence dependent claims 2-7 also are not obvious. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments, reconsideration and the timely allowance of all pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

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